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FOLLOWING REPEAT GUATEMALA 2120 ACTION SECSTATE 16 APR

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2120

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR CU GT OAS

SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN POSITION IF CUBAN QUESTION SHOULD ARISE AT OASGA

1. FONMIN JORGE ARENALES TOLD AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON APRIL 16 THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WAS GOOD POSSIBILITY SOME NATION "LIKE ARGENTINA OR COSTA RICA" WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF CUBA AT OASGA. HE SAID THAT IF QUESTION OF RE-ENTRY OF CUBA INTO OAS SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE. ARENALES NOTED THAT GUATEMALA AT THIS POINT IN TIME DOES NOT WANT TO BE IN THE VAN OF ATTACKS AGAINST CUBA, AND CERTAINLY DID NOT WANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF LARGER COUNTRIES LIKE U.S. ON THIS QUESTION. IF QUESTION OF RE-ENTRY CAME TO A VOTE, ARENALES SAID, GUATEMALA WOULD ABSTAIN. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, IF QUESTION OF LIFTING SANCTIONS WERE BROUGHT UP GUATEMALA WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT POSITION THAT ONLY ORGAN THAT COULD LIFT SANCTIONS WOULD BE "ORGAN THAT ORIGINALLY IMPOSED THEM" (MEETING OF CONSULATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS) AND THAT REMOVAL OF SUCH SANCTION WOULD HAVE TO BE BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE, THE NUMBER ORIGINALLY REQUIRED TO IMPOSE THEM.

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2. ARENALES TOLD AMBASSADOR HE ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE WITH US
AT OASGA AND SAID THAT IF THERE IS ANY AREA IN WHICH WE FELT
HE COULD BE OF HELP, BY ALL MEANS MEMBER OF USDEL SHOULD
CONTACT HIM. HE NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PLEASED
TO COORDINATE WITH FRANCIS J. MCNEIL (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USOAS),
AN OLD FRIEND OF HIS.
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